



Plum Creek

Rocky Mountain Region Open Lands Policy

August 31, 2006

Plum Creek welcomes the responsible use of its timberlands by the public for noncommercial recreation such as hunting, fishing, and camping. Logging and forestry activities are ongoing however, and may pose a danger. Please adhere to the following rules when using Plum Creek lands.

Road Restrictions

Plum Creek often restricts the type of motorized access permitted on its lands to protect wildlife security, prevent sedimentation from logging roads, reduce the spread of noxious weeds, and protect company property. The following rules apply to Plum Creek roads:

- Plum Creek restricts road use with gates, barricades, earthen barriers, or signs. This may be a restriction on roads owned by Plum Creek or a restriction on roads that are cooperatively owned, such as a road cost-shared with the Forest Service. A cooperative road management sign identifies the intended restriction.
- A gate, whether opened or closed, with no sign is a year-round closure to all motorized vehicles.
- Road restrictions apply behind unmarked gates, even if the gate is vandalized or open.
- For a road to be open behind a gate, it must be specifically designated by a sign as open.
- An earthen barrier without a sign is considered a closure to all motorized vehicles, except snowmobiles between December 15 and April 1.
- Gates must not be blocked. Administrative, contractor or emergency traffic may need to pass through.
- All "off road" motorized vehicle use is prohibited.
- Hunting or transportation of hunters or game with administrative or commercial vehicles is prohibited behind a closure.

Camping

Camping is limited to 14 days per campsite. During this time, the campsite must not be left unattended for more than three consecutive days. Camping beyond 14 days requires relocating to a new site at least five miles from the original site. A permit is required for Exceptions and Special Use camping. Cutting trees is not permitted and a permit is required for cutting firewood.

Campers must:

- Pack out all garbage and leave the area clean.
- Be careful with fire.
- Avoid polluting with human waste. Toilets located within 300 feet of water must be self-contained.

Please note that commercial activity, including trapping and woodcutting is not permitted on Plum Creek land without a permit.

It is your responsibility to know whose property you are using and you should avoid trespassing on the private property of others to reach Plum Creek lands.

Please report violations or vandalism to Plum Creek or Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Plum Creek: Kalispell 406-751-2400
Libby 406-293-6204
Missoula 406-728-8350
Seeley Lake 406-677-2320

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Fish, Wildlife & Parks: Kalispell 406-752-5501
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